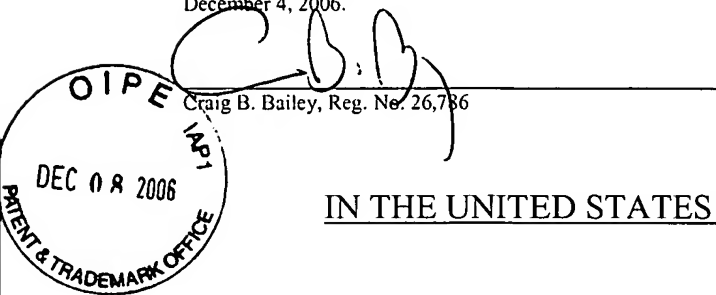


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RESPONSE

Dear Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office action mailed July 24, 2006, the response for which was due October 24, 2006. A request for a two-month extension of time and the appropriate fee have been filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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